

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1    1.    A wrap comprising, an elastomeric band having a uniform width  
2            substantially greater than its thickness, a retainer having a body defining a  
3            notch for receiving widthwise a portion of said elastomeric band, a band  
4            receiving portion of said notch, a first tab extending axially of said retainer  
5            over said band receiving portion of said notch and defining a mouth portion  
6            of said notch, wherein said mouth portion has a width less than the width  
7            of said elastomeric band.
- 1    2.    The wrap of claim 1, wherein said body has a second tab extending axially  
2            toward but spaced from said first tab to define said mouth portion.
- 1    3.    The wrap of claim 1 further comprising, a second notch located  
2            substantially diametrically opposite said first notch.
- 1    4.    The wrap of claim 3, wherein said first and second notches are symmetrical  
2            about an axis of said body of said retainer.
- 1    5.    The wrap of claim 1 further comprising, a second tab extending from said  
2            body portion opposite said first tab, wherein said mouth portion is defined  
3            between said first and second tabs.
- 1    6.    The wrap of claim 5, wherein said first and second tabs extend equidistantly  
2            from said body portion to define a substantially T-shaped notch.
- 1    7.    The wrap of claim 5, further comprising a second notch having a mouth  
2            defined by at least one tab that is less than said width of a side of said  
3            elastomeric band, whereby one portion of said elastomeric band is received  
4            within said first notch and another portion of said elastomeric band is  
5            received in said second notch and radially retained by the respective tabs.

- 1 8. The wrap of claim 7, wherein said second notch includes a pair of spaced  
2 tabs extending from said body portion to define said opening.
- 1 9. The wrap of claim 7, wherein said notches are symmetrical about an axially  
2 extending centerline of said retainer.
- 1 10. A wrap comprising a continuous elastomeric band having a substantially  
2 uniform width and having a substantial width to thickness ratio, a retainer  
3 having an elongate body including a notch for receiving widthwise a portion  
4 of said elastomeric band, a band receiving portion of said notch extending  
5 transversely of said elongate body, a first tab extending axially over said  
6 band receiving portion of said notch and defining a mouth portion of said  
7 notch, said mouth portion having a width less than the width of said  
8 elastomeric band.
- 1 11. The wrap of claim 10, wherein said body has a second tab extending axially  
2 toward but spaced from said first tab to define said mouth portion.
- 1 12. The wrap of claim 10 further comprising, a second notch located  
2 substantially diametrically opposite said first notch.
- 1 13. The wrap of claim 12, wherein said first and second notches are symmetrical  
2 about an axis of said body of said retainer.
- 1 14. The wrap of claim 10 further comprising, a second tab extending from said  
2 body portion opposite said first tab, wherein said mouth portion is defined  
3 between said first and second tabs.
- 1 15. The wrap of claim 14, wherein said first and second tabs extend  
2 equidistantly from said body portion to define a substantially T-shaped  
3 notch.

- 1    16.    The wrap of claim 14, further comprising a second notch having a mouth  
2            defined by at least one tab that is less than the width of said elastomeric  
3            band, whereby one portion of said elastomeric band is received within said  
4            first notch and another portion of said elastomeric band is received in said  
5            second notch and radially retained by the respective tabs.
- 1    17.    The wrap of claim 10, wherein said retainer is substantially cylindrical.
- 1    18.    The wrap of claim 10, wherein said notch is located substantially medially  
2            of said elongate body.
- 1    19.    A wrap comprising, an elastomeric band of uniform width adapted to be  
2            folded over to form a first end loop and a second end loop, an elongate  
3            retainer having a body defining a notch for receiving widthwise said first end  
4            loop of said elastomeric band, a slot in said retainer located inward thereof,  
5            and a mouth portion communicating with said slot and opening externally  
6            of the retainer, said mouth portion having a width less than the width of the  
7            elastomeric band, wherein said first end loop with said retainer is receivable  
8            in said second end loop and held by said retainer to prevent separation of  
9            said first end loop and said second end loop.